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The Honorable Dave Durenberger, Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This note responds to your letter of September 11, 1986, asking for a security review of the draft report by the SSCI on CI and security for the Senate. On Monday, 22 September 1986, an Intelligence Community Staff-arranged delegation, including representatives from DoD, State, CIA, FBI, and NSA, met with Mr. Ed Levine of the SSCI Staff and presented and discussed security concerns rising from the draft. I am told that the meeting was reasonably satisfactory to all involved. (U)

I remain concerned, however, that publication of a report of such scope and detail will have counterproductive impacts. The document will have some value in constructing a plan for keeping one's hostile intelligence agents out of harms way when they are working in the United States. The document may cause some diplomatic difficulties. The document will almost certainly lead to unauthorized disclosures as members of the US press solicit additional details and background from federal employees. The document, so far as I can determine, will be the only recent detailed, comprehensive, unclassified official discussion of US CI/CM affairs. I would not purport to guess how many Members of Congress will study the detail in the document, but I feel sure that every copy that reaches a member of the KGB will be quickly dog-eared. (C)

In sum, if the SSCI Staff can accept the suggestions made in the 22 September 1986 meeting, the document will contain no sentence that, standing alone, is classified. The totality of the document, however, provides a unique and comprehensive review of current US CI/CM capability, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. Such a document, almost by definition, should be classified and under positive control. Your careful review will, I think, lead you to the same opinion. That review should weigh the benefits of such an unclassified report against the harm that it might do. Thus, I cannot agree to such an unclassified publication. (C)

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Thank you for the opportunity for security review of the document prior to publication. (U)

Sincerely,

*Bill Casey*

William J. Casey

cc:

Vice Chairman Leahy

The summary does not have the detail which would provide a road map helpful to hostile intelligence efforts.

At the same time it does convey the evaluation and the deficiencies that have been, are being and still need to be corrected, as well as the Committee's recommendations for accomplishing that.

We would hope that it will meet your needs to make the full report available in classified, as we would do with such a document, and as the companion President's report will be classified.

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*Bill*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Director, Intelligence Community Staff  
Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:   
Director, Community Counterintelligence and  
Security Countermeasures Staff  
Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: SSCI Report on Counterintelligence and Security

1. The attached are submitted in accordance with your instructions this morning.

a. Attachment 1 is a draft letter from you to Senator Durenberger on the SSCI unclassified report to the Senate on CI/CM policy. It asks that the SSCI not publish the report because, in your view, the cumulative weight of the document makes it classified even though the individual statements are not classified.

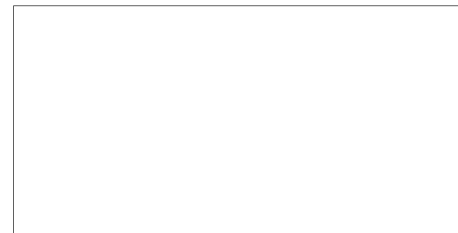
b. Attachment 2 is the draft report.

c. Attachment 3 is the Introduction and Summary for the draft report which was sent to you on Monday, 15 September.

2. Your response should be forwarded ASAP; the SSCI Staff intends to publish this week.

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